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Last Will and Testament

Of the Right Reverend Father in God;

GILBERT,

Lord Bishop of Sarum:

Containing,

1. His Confession of PAITH.

II. His Charitable Benefactions.

III. An Account of The HISTORY of his Life and Times, with Directions for the Pabelication of that and other Manuscripts.

To which is added,

The INSCRIPTION on the Montment erected to his Memory, in the Parish Church of St. James Clerkenwell.

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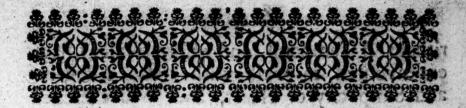
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Last Will and Testament.

In the Pame of God, Amen.



Cor in Divinity, and Bishop of Salisbury, being of good Health, and perfect and sound in my Mind, do make and ordain my

Last Will and Testament, in Manner and Form following; that is to say, First, I commend my Soul to my Good and Gracious God, who has blessed me in the Course of my Life with great and signal Blessings, both Spi-

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ritual and Temporal, and before whom I have endeavoured to walk with great Integrity and Simplicity of Heart, and have exercised my felf to have always a Conscience void of Offence towards my God, and towards all Men, both in the private Capacity of a Christian, and in the Discharge of the Publick Trusts and Stations to which he has called me, though with many Failings, and great Infirmities, for which I humbly defire (and trust to obtain) Mercy and Pardon by the Merits, and Intercession of Jesus Christ, my blesfed Saviour and Redeemer, in whom alone I put my Truft, and by whom I fly to the Mercies of God, hoping he will accept of my fincere Repentance, and forgive all my Sins, and that he will affift me with his Spirit, and guide me through the Valley of the Shadow of Death, and receive me into his Kingdom and Glory.

I live and die a sincere Christian, believing the Truth of that Gospel which for many Years I have preached to others. I am a true Protestant according to the Church of England; full of Affection and Brotherly Love to all who have received the Resonned Religion, tho' in some Points Different from our Constitution.

I die, as I all along lived and professed my self to be, sull of Charity and Tenderness for those among Us who yet Dissent from us, and heartily pray that God would heal our Breaches,

ches, and make us like-minded in all things, that so we might unite our Zeal, and join our Endeavours against Atheism and Insidelity, that have prevailed much; and against Popers, the greatest Enemy to our Church, more to be dreaded than all other Parties whatsoever.

I will, that my Body be decently but privately buried, in case I die at Salisbury, in the South Isle of the Cathedral, where two of my Children lie buried: And in case I die in any other Place, in the Church, or Church-yard of the Parish where I may happen to die *.

As to all my Goods, Estate, or Furniture of my two Houses, I order the whole to be appraised and sold, and that my LIBRARY be also sold by Auction, excepting only such things as I have divided amongst my Children by a Codicil added to this my Will; and that after my Debts are paid, and my Funeral Charges, and the Legacies hereafter mention-

^{*}His Lordship died at his House in St. John's Square, in the Parish of St. James Clerkenwell, and on Tuesday March 22. 1714-15, his Body was interr'd in that Church, near the Communion Table, the Pall being supported by his worthy Successor, Dr. Talbot, Bishop of Oxford, Dr. Wake Bishop of Lincoln, Dr. Trimnell Bishop of Norwich, Dr. Evans Bishop of Litchfield and Coventry, Dr. Hough Bishop of Bangor, and Dr. Fleetwood Bishop of Ely.

ed are paid and fatisfied, that the Whole Produce of all that belongs to me at the Time of my Decease, shall be divided into Six equal Parts, of which I give two to my eldest Son WILLIAM; and one, to every one of the rest of my Sons and Daughters; with this one Refervation. That in case I do not in my own Life-time raise Two Thousand Two Hundred Twenty and Two Pounds, Four Shillings and Six Pence, for Two Endowments set forth in a Codicil added to this my Will, then the Sum of Ninety and Nine Pounds, due to me in the Exchequer, shall be set aside for raising the faid Sum, together with the yearly Interest arifing out of the faid Ninety Nine Pounds, and shall be kept apart for the faid Endowments. together with Fifty Pounds more, which I give to my Nephew GILBERT BURNET, Advocate in Edinborough, for the Charge and Trouble of fettling them, according to the Schedule that I add as a Codicil to this my Will. And I recommend the Management of this Ninety Nine Pounds, together with the Interest that will grow out of it, to my worthy Friend, JOHN WARNER, Goldsmith, and for his Pains in this, I leave Fifty Pounds to his Eldest Son, my Godson.

Item, I give and devise all the Furniture of the Great Upper Room in the Palace at Salisbury, and of the Chappel there, to my Successfor the Bishop of Salisbury, in the same

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manner that my Predecessor Bishop WARD lest the Furniture in the Parlour of the said Palace.

I appoint all my Servants to be kept together for a Month after my Decease, and to be entertained or have Board Wages given them; and I give to every one of them Half a Year's Wages besides the Wages of the Quarter in which I die.

I give also half a Year's Salary to the Master of my Charity-School in Salisbury, besides that due for the Salary of the Quarter in which I die.

Item, I appoint Twenty Pounds to be divided among the Poor of Salisbury, Five Pound to the Poor of the Close, to be distributed by Mr. Hoadly t, and Five Pound to the Poor in the Three Parishes in the City of Salisbury, to be distributed among them by the Ministers of the Three Parishes at their Discretion.

Item, I make and conflitute my Eldest Son WILLIAM BURNET, the Executor of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal, on the Twenty-sourth Day of Ottober in the Tenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign

[†] This is interlined fince Dr. Geddes's Death, Sic Originale.

Lady Queen Anne, Anno Domini One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Bleven.

Gi. Sarum,

Sign'd, Seal'd, and Publish'd, as the last Will and Testament of the said Gilbert, Bishop of Salisbury, in the Presence of

John Macknay, Alexander Le Fort, John Barnes.

This I add as a Codicit to my Will.

Give all my Papers to my Son GILBERT, with this express Order, That none of them be Printed; but that he keep them all for his own Use, or destroy them, as he thinks sit.

I do only except out of this General Order, a Book entituled, ESSATS and MEDITATIONS on MORALITY and RELIGION. And the HISTORT of my own TIME, together with the Conclusion, and the HISTORT of my own LIFE. There are two Copies of this History, one in my own Hand, and another in the Hand of a Servant. In the

the Reading these over, I have made several Amendments, Deletions, and Additions, having read over fometimes the one Copy, and fometimes the other; fo I order the two Copies to be compared together, that so all the Alterations that I have made may be taken into the printed Edition. I leave it to the Difcretion of my Executor, to print the Book of ESSATS, when he pleases, and limit him to no time. But for the HISTOR T*, I limit him in the Printing of it to fix Years after my Death, and that it may not be printed fooner; but as to the Printing it after fix Years, or the delaying it longer, I refer that to fuch Directions as I may give him by Word of Mouth; only I require him to print it faithfully as I leave it, without adding, fuppressing, or altering it, in any Particular; for this is my politive Charge and Command.

As for any Advantage that may be made by the Sale of the Copies of these Books, or the Selling out my Property in any of my other Books, I order it to be divided into six Parts, of which my Eldest Son WILLIAM, my Exe-

^{*} His Lordship has followed Thuanus's Method in Writing this History of his Life and Times; and likewise his Example, in ordering the Publication of it so long after his Decease.

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cutor, shall have two, and and every one of my other Children shall have one.

Gi. Sarum.

Sign'd, Seal'd, and Publish'd, as a Codicil added to my Will, in the Presence of

John Mackney,
Alexander Le Fort,
John Barnes.

This I add as another Codicil to my Will.

Whereas by my Will I have settled a Method for raising Two and Twenty Hundred and Two and Twenty Pounds Three Shillings Six Pence, which is in Scottish Money Forty. Thousand Marks, it is my Will and Pleasure, that when the said Sum is raised in the Method that I have prescribed, an Account of it shall be sent to my Nephew, Mr. GILBERT BURNET, Advocate, that he may transact for a Legal and secure Way of settling the One Half of the said Sum in, or near, the Parish of Salton, upon an Inseosment of Annual Rent, for the due Payment of a Thousand Marks yearly, at the Feast and Term of Martimasse; and

of fettling the other Half of the faid Sum in like manner, in, or near, the Town and College of New Aberdeen, with fuch Forfeitures, in case of not paying the yearly Sums of a Thoufand Marks to the Parish of Salton, and the College of New Aberdeen, as according to the Laws of Scotland can be made; and for his Trouble and Expence in doing this, I leave him Fifty Pounds. All this is provided in case that I do not in my own Life-time accomplish my Design in settling these two Endowments. In Salton I order the Thousand Marks to be thus disposed of; Thirty Children of the poorer fort shall be put to School, to learn Reading. Writing, and Casting Accompts; to every one of these Ten Marks Scottish shall be given, to cloath them in plain Grey Cloaths, all of one fort; this is Three Hundred Marks. After they have been four Years at School, and are fit to be Bound out to Trades, or to follow Husbandry, they shall receive Forty Marks a-piece, which is Four Hundred Marks, more: But this Four Hundred Marks, during thefe four Years that they are at School, shall be applied to the Building a Good School-House near the Church-yard, and for purchasing half an Acre of Ground for a Garden and Outlet to the School-house. I appoint a Hundred Marks a Year of Addition to the School-Mafter's Allowance; and Fifty Marks a Year to the Increase of the Library began for the Minister's House

House and Use, of which he shall every Three Year give an Account to the Lairds of Salton and Hermiston, and to any two neighbouring Ministers, which they shall be obliged to fign for his Discharge, unless they can shew Reafon to the contrary. The Boys and Girls either to be put to School, or afterwards to Prentice, shall be named thus; Twenty by the Laird of Salton, and Ten by the Minister, who shall be chosen out of the other Estates in the Parish; as also by Turns, Seven of those to be put to Prentice by the Lairds of Salton, and Three by the Minister; and the next Year, Six only by the Lairds of Salton. and Four by the Minister. The remaining Hundred and Fifty Marks to be distributed yearly to the Poor of the Parish by the Minister, with the Approbation of the Lairds of Salton and Hermiston, and such others as join with him in taking Care of the Poor of that Parish. And this Course I order to be continued for ever, as an Expression of my kind Gratitude to that Parish, who had the first Fruits of my Labours, and among whom I had all possible Kindness and Encouragement. I leave my faid Nephew the Vilitor and Overfeer of this Endowment, that it be carried on according to my Defign, with a Power to him at his Death to name another Overseer, and this to continue in a perpetual Succession: And if any Overseer fails to name another, then

then I refer it to the Senators of the College of Justice, to Inspect and Oversee it; with this express Proviso, That if any of the said Over-seers are put to any Charge to have my Will in this Endowment to be faithfully observed, he shall be reimbursed out of the said Rent-Charge of a Thousand Marks, which shall be laid on fuch Branches of it as shall be thought by the faid Overfeer, together with the Minister, and the Laird of Salton, most agreeable to my Intentions in this Endowment. the Thousand Marks which I give for ever to the College of New Aberdeen, in Remembrance of my Education there, I order the Lairds of Leyes, as long as that Estate is in the Family of the BURNETS, to name every Yeara Scholar for the first Class of that College, to whom a Hundred and Fifty Marks a Year shall be paid for the Four Years Stay in the College, and Two Hundred Marks for two Years after that, he continuing in the Study of Divinity; and the next to be nominated a Scholar shall have the faid Hundred and Fifty Marks only during the four Years of his being at the College; but the third, who shall be nominated to be a Scholar, shall have the former Provifion for the two Years of Divinity which the fourth shall not have; thus when all are full, a Thousand Marks a Year will answer for four Scholars, and two Students of Divinity. But fince these are to be gradually filled, I appoint the

the Overplus of the Thousand Marks for every Year, till the whole Number is filled up, which will amount to Two Thousand Seven Hundred Marks, to be applied to the raising a Building of fix Chambers, for the Conveniency of the Scholars. All this I recommend to the Lairds of Leges, to execute this with the Consent of the Principal of the faid College, and the Provost of the faid Town. The Principal and Regents shall have the Examination of the Scholars so nominated, with a Power to refuse them, so that only fit Persons may enjoy the Benefit of this Endowment. And if any Laird of Leyes shall take any Reward for any such Nomination, or detain any Part of the Provifion made for fuch Scholars, then the faid Nomination shall be for ever lodg'd with the Provost and Bailies of New Aberdeen, for one Turn, and the Principal and Regents of the Rollege for the next Turn; which I appoint also shall take Place, in case the Lairdship of Leges shall go out of the Name and Family of Bur-NET: As I do also desire, that to the said Scholarships One of the Name of BURNET may be prefer'd, if he is duly qualified for it. This I fign and join with my Will,

Gi. Sarum.

Signed, Sealed, and Published, as a Codicil added to my Will, in the Presence of,

John Macknay. Alexander Le Fort. John Barnes.
Whereas

THereas I by my last Will and Testament order'd all my Estate, Arrears of Rents, Debts and Goods, belonging to me at the Time of my Death, to be divided into Six equal Shares, of which Two were provided for my Eldest Son WILLIAM, and one for every one of my other four Children, And now upon the Marriage of my Eldest Son t, I have made over to him the feveral Branches mentioned in a Deed bearing Date the Third Day of June, in the Year One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Twelve, which I value at Three Thousand Pounds, I do therefore revoke that Part of my Will, by which Two Shares of Six of my whole Estate are given to him, and appoint, that till a Sum of Five Thousand and Seven Hundred Pounds is raised, and given among my other Children, Fifteen Hundred a-piece to Three of them, and Twelve Hundred Pounds to my Youngest Son, THOMAS, besides the Three Hundred Pounds that I paid for his Chambers in the Middle Temple, the faid WILLIAM shall have no other Title or Right descending from me to him: But when the faid Sum of Five Thousand and

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[†] He Married Dean Stanhope's Daughter, who is lately deceased.

Seven Hundred Pounds is thus set off for my younger Children, then I confirm my Will with Relation to any Overplus that may belong to me at the Time of my Death, so that it shall be divided into Six equal Shares, of which two shall belong to my said Eldest Son, and one to the other four Children, Share and Share alike. And this I add as a Codicil, and Part of my said last Will and Testament.

Gi. Sarum.

Sign'd, Seal'd, and Publish'd, as a Codicil, and Part of my Will, the fourth Day of June, One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Twelve, in the Presence of

John Macknay, Alexander Le Fort, John Barnes.

Whereas by my last Will and Testament and by a Codicil added to it, I provided that a Sixth Part of all I shall be possessed of at my Death, shall belong to my Second Daughter, Elizabeth: And that I have now given her Fifteen Hundred Pounds, at her

her Marriage †. I do now add this as another Codicil, that till Fifteen Hundred Pounds is given off to my Daughter Mary, and as much to my Son Gilbert, and Twelve Hundred to my Son Thomas, she shall demand no Share of my Goods, by Virtue of that Clause in my Will; but that when that is done, she shall then have a Sixth Part of all the Overplus of what I shall leave at my Death. And this I add as a Codicil, and as a Part of my said last Will and Testament.

Gi. Sarum.

Sign'd, Seal'd, and Publish'd, as a Codicil, and Part of my Will, the Seventeenth Day of April, One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Fourteen.

John Macknay, John Barnes, Joseph Band.

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[†] She Marry'd Richard West, Esq; of the Tem-



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Containing

The Distribution of my Goods among my Children.

To my Eldest Son, WILLIAM,

Give the Bed, Chairs, Tapestry, and the Furniture of the best Bed-Chamber in St. 30hn's.

I give the Plate that came from Hanover. The Clock in the Parlour at Salisbury.

A Pair of Silver Candlesticks, with Snuffers and Snuff-dish, at his Choice.

A Gilt Salver, with St. George's little Salver.

All the Pictures in the Dining Room and

Parlour at Salisbury.

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All my Works bound in Red Turky Lea-

My Mathematical Instruments, Wind-pump, and Glasses.

The Black Velvet Bed, with the Furni-

My Picture by Sir Godfrey Kneller, after Mr. Johnstoun's Life.

Twelve Spoons, Ten Forks, Two Salts,

and the Set of Caftors.

Twelve Silver hafted Knives, with my Crest on them.

The Cabinet in the Great Drawing Room at Salisbury.

The Magna Charta.

Four Pair of Holland Sheets, Three Dozen of Damask Napkins, with the Appurtenances.

Three Dozen of Diaper Napkins.
Three Pair of Sheets for Servants.

To my Second Son, GILBERT,

Give all the rest of my Gilt Plate; my Repeating Watch.
Gold Medals, to the Value of Fifty Pounds
Three Shillings.

All the Pictures in the Dining-Room at St.

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John's.

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The Furniture of the Room I lie in at Salisbury, together with the Furniture of the Room in which WILLIAM lies.

The Clock, in the Room before my Study

in Salisbury.

The Picture of the Supper in the Parlour at St. John's.

My Picture in the Room where my Son

WILLIAM lies, at St. John's.

A Pair of Siver Candlesticks, with Snuffers and Snuff-Dish; Eight Spoons, Eight Forks, a Salt, and a Decanter.

The Tapestry in the Room without the

King's Room, Salisbury.

A great Salver, and a small Salver.

The Half of my Silver Medals.

Six Silver hafted Knives.

Buck's Bible.

The Poliglot Bible, and Lexicon.

The Great Book of Mapps.

All the Furniture, except the Books and Pictures, in my Study at St. John's.

Four Pair of Holland Sheets.

Three Pair for Servants.

Three Dozen of Damask Napkins, and Three Dozen of Diaper, with the Appurtenances, and Three Pair of Sheets for Servants. A Tak of fine Ability Sheets.

To my Eldest Daughter, MARY,

A Dozen of the Man Damask Linney with

Give all the Furniture of the Red Room. with every Thing in it.

All the Furniture of the Room they now lie

in at Salisbury.

The Pictures of the Family, done by Mrs. HOADLY.

The Pictures of the Daughter suckling her Father, in the Parlour at St. John's.

The Repeating Table Clock tip'd with Sil-

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The Case with the Twelve small Forks, Knives and Spoons.

Six Spoons, Six Forks, and a Salt.

A great Salver and a small one.

The Picture of .WILLIAM Duke of Hamilton, in a Gold Cafe.

Two Silver Candlesticks, with Snuffers and

Snuff-Difh.

The Cabinet in my Son's Room at Salisbury. The black Silver'd Leather that is without the Red Room.

Gold Medals to the Value of Fifty Pounds

and One Shilling.

The Great Bible that lies before me in my Chappel.

The Half of all my China Dishes.

A Pair of fine Holland Sheets.

A Dozen of the finest Damask Linnen with Table and Sideboard-Cloth, and Towels.

The Half of the Linnen not given away

to my Sons.

The Harpficords at St. John's.

To my Second Daughter, ELIZABETH,

lichuses of the Banaly, done

Give all the Furniture of that which is call'd the King's Room, Salisbury, and the Furniture of the White Room, within the Red Room.

All the Pictures in my Study at St. John's, and that of the bleffed Virgin's Death in the Parlour there, in St. John's.

The Cabinet that was my Wife's.

The black Ebony Cabinet, that was Lady MARGARET's.

The Skreen in the Parlour at St. John's.

The Red Velvet Chair, and green Sattin

The Bible and Common-prayer Book that lie before me in the Church at Salisbury.

The other Half of my China.

My Garter Robes,

To my Toungest Son, THOMAS.

Give the Furniture of the Room I lie in at St. John's, and the Furniture of the Closet next the King's Room at Salisbury.

All my Silver Medals.

My Gold Chain, with the Medals, or Enfigns of the Order.

All the Pictures that I have not already dif-

posed of.

A Pair of Silver Candlesticks. Bight Spoons, Nine Forks. One Salver, and one Salt.

The Salver of the Welfb Silver.

All the rest of the Plate not already men-

My Great Bible at St. John's.

The Scottish Black Acts.

The Scruitore in my Study at Salisbury.

The Clock in the Parlour at St. John's.

Six Silver hafted Knives.

Four Pair of Holland Sheets.

Three Pair for Servants.

One Dozen of Damask Napkins, with Nine fine one, and the Appurtenances. Four Dozen of Diaper Napkins, with Table-Cloaths.

My strong Box.

This I add as a Codicil to my Will,

Gi. Sarum.

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My flicht box.

East Wall, (Northward of the Communion-Table) The Pediment, which is Circular, is supported by Pillasters of a Composite Order, on the Extremities of which, are Urns, and in the Center are the Arms of the See, and Burnet Impaled in a Shield; on the Freeze are cut in Relievo, several Books and Rolls; In St. James's Church, Clerkenwell, is a fair Marble Monument, fixed to the amongst which is one entitled, HIST: REFORM. And on the Tablet underneath is this Infcription:

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GILBERTUS BURNET. S. T. P.

ex antiquissma domo de Leyer & RACHELE JOHNSTON Natus Edinburgi, 18 die Septembris. Anno Dom, 1643. Parentibus Roberto Burner, Domino de Cremont Et Nobiliffimi Ordinis & Periscelide Cancella RIUS Episcopus Sarisburiensis

Aberdonia literis instructus Saltoni cura animarum invigilavita. Sorore Domini de Waristoun

Invigilavit, inde Juvenis adhuc S. Str. Theologiz Professor in Academia Glafgoens electus est.

E patria, temporum iniquitate profugus, Europa m peragravit. Ecclesia Romana malas artes insectatus, ab officio submotus est. Tyrannidi & Superstitioni semper infensum scripta eruditissima Et deinceps cum Principe Auriaco reversus, primus omnium Annos in Templo Rotulorum Londini administravit, donec Demonstrant, nec non Libertatis patrix veraque Religionis frenuum semperque indefessum Propugnatorem. Quarum nimis acriter (ut iis qui rerum tum potiebantur visum est) a Rege GULIELMO & Regina MARIA Præful defignatus utrisque conservandæ spem unam jam a longo tempore in Postquam in Angliam transit rem sacram per aliquot & in fummum tandem fiduciæ testimonium ab eodem Principe Duci GLOCESTRIENSI Praceptor dichus eff.

Duo millia Aureorum ABBRDONIE SALTONOQUE ad Juventutem pauperiorem GULIELMUS, GILBERTUS, MARIA, ELIZABETHA & THOMAS. Utilitatem publicam spectantibus, vivus continuo erogavit, moriens qua duos liberos fuscepit, sato pramaturo non multo post extinctos Amplissmam pecuniam in pauperibus alendis & in sumptibus; sed duxit Uxorem Dominam MARGARITAM KENNEDY Comitis Postremo Uxorem duxit' viduam Ellzas brham Berkeler Cassilie filiam, dein Mariam Scot Hage Comitis que ei Illustriffina Domo Brunsvieensi collocarat. Postquam Sceptro BRITANNO potitum conspexerat; brevi jam, autem Dei Providentia fingulari Regem G BOR 6 IU M septem liberos peperit, quorum adhuc in vivis sunt Annorum & felicitatis satur è vivis excessit instituendam Testamento legavit

Obiit 17. Die Martii, Anno Domini 1714. Ætatis 729.

On a Black Grave-Stone on the South Side of the Altar is this Inscription.

The Right Rev. Father in God, GILBERT BURNET, D. D. Lord Bishop of Salisbury Here lies Interred 5 7 47 6

Chancellor of the most Noble Order of the Garter; who departed this Life,

March 17, 1714-

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